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In re Application of :  
Rao et al. :  
Application No. 09/677,954 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: October 2, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. IPHLNZ00202 :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 4, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed August 4, 2008. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on November 5, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed February 11, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$405.00 and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$810.00; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 3625 for processing of the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the Amendment filed with the instant petition.

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